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SUBJ: CIVAIR: BAHAMIAN FLAG AIRLINE

REF: NASSAU 335 (NOTAL)

1. IN ADDITION TO MERGING THE TWO LOCAL CARRIERS,
OUT ISLAND AIRWAYS (OIAL AND FLAMINGO, INTO A NATIONAL
FLAG CARRIER (REFTEL), PLANS NOW CALL FOR INCLUSION
OF INTERNATIONAL AIR BAHAMAS (IAB). IAB AND ITS PARENT
COMPANY ICELANDIC AIRLINES, FAVOR SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT.
THE AIRLINE'S LICENSE IS DUE TO EXPIRE WITHIN NEXT
FEW YEARS, THUS BY HAVING A SHARE IN THE NATIONAL
CARRIER IT IS ASSURED A CONTINUED OPERATION. THROUGH
AN AS- YET- TO- BE WORKED OUT ARRANGEMENT, IAB WILL
PROVIDE THE EXPERTISE FOR RUNNING THE INTERNATIONAL
PORTION OF THE NATIONAL CARRIER'S SERVICE.

2. IAB CURRENTLY FLIES NASSAU/ LUXEMBOURG AND OIA
SERVES MIAMI, FLORIDA. THE BAHAMIANS ARE HOPING TO
COMBINE THESE ROUTES AND PROVIDE MIAMI/ LUXEMBOURG
SERVICE VIA NASSAU WITHOUT CHANGING PLANES. THE
PRESENT NON- IATA STATUS WILL PROBABLY BE MAINTAINED.

3. WILL THE NEW NATIONAL CARRIER AUTOMATICALLY
ACQUIRE OIA'S MIAMI ROUTE?

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